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FOR SECRETARY FROM BROWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR,PINT, LE

SUBJ: TOMORROW

1. I AM NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT TOMORROW'S SESSION OF LEBANESE PARLIAMENT TO AMEND CONSTITUTION AND ENABLE FRANGIE TO CLEAR THE DECKS FOR A SUCCESSOR WILL ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE. SESSION HAS PUBLIC SUPPORT OF MAJOR FACTIONS OF LEBANESE LEFT AND RIGHT AS WELL AS AGREEMENT OF "MODERATE" PALESTINIANS, BUT A YEAR'S EXPERIENCE HERE HAS SHOWN THAT THERE IS MANY A SLIP BETWEEN CONCEPTION AND DELIVERY IN THIS TOWN.

2. CITY IS VERY TENSE THIS EVENING AND DESPITE APPARENT EFFORTS TO SCRAPE TOGETHER AVAILABLE FORCES TO SECURE MEETING SITE, CHANCES ARE NO MORE THAN FIFTY-FIFTY THAT LEBANESE WILL SUCCEED IN TAKING THIS FIRST STEP IN SETTLEMENT SCENARIO. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON EVENTS OVER-NIGHT AND FURTHER MAJOR FIREFIGHTS, SUCH AS TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT BETWEEN SAIQA AND PFLP, COULD COMPLETELY SOUR THE ATMOSPHERE.

3. WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE COULD TO GET THE LEBANESE BACK ON THE TRACK WITH TOMORROW'S MEETING, GEMAYEL AND JUMBLATT STATEMENTS, FOLLOWING MY MEETINGS WITH THEM, WERE USEFUL. NOW, THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO BUT WAIT FOR EVENTS TO UNFOLD. WITHRUMORS  
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OF NEW SYRIAN TROOPS ON EASTERN MARGIN OF BEKAA VALLEY RIFE AND A WIDE-SPREAD EXPECTATION THAT FAILURE TOMORROW WILL SEAL THE FATE OF CURRENT TRUCE, THERE ARE GOOD REASONS FOR ALL INVOLVED TO MAKE SESSION WORK. WHETHER THEY WILL DRAW

THIS CONCLUSION OR NOT IS A QUESTION TO WHICH WE WILL SOON GET  
AN ANSWER.  
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